



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary February 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Juan Cardenas and introductions were made. On behalf of Regional Director Catherine Matthews, staff member Nancy Hislop attended to support the Board in the meeting.

The January meeting actually hosted the County Executive Leggett's public forum on the FY13 Operating Budget. Notes from the forum will be provided.

Update from the Upcounty Regional Director- See Chairperson's report.

Council Report – See Guest Discussion

Guest Discussion: “General Update from the Council with an Upcounty Perspective”

Guest: Councilmember Nancy Floreen

Councilmember Floreen discussed with the Board some of her perspectives and projects of interest to the Upcounty community.

- Introducing legislation to help county wineries host community events
- Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) approval alternative
- Regular newsletters regarding activities she is engaged
- Doesn't feel the County Council "hears enough" from the Upcounty citizens
- M83 Alternative Study is crucial to the next phase of the Germantown Master Plan. If you have point of view, it is important to share with Council.
- The future is not bright for our budget. She acknowledged the recent public forum held in Germantown by the County Executive. County has grave concerns regarding the state's capacity to absorb the teachers' pension program.
- Budget & Permit streamlining processes
- Community Projects
- Midcounty Corridor Study discussion
- Clarksburg transportation
- Goshen Widening studies (separate than M83)
- CIP packet is available online prior to meeting in 2 weeks. Encourage members to review and email comments.
- Police are minus 200 staff. Public security and safety is vulnerable especially at public places such as Lakeforest Mall, Germantown Transit Center, etc.
- Education commitment
- Fire and Rescue needs staffing plan that promotes safety such as a 4-man staffing plan
- Past ambulance fee discussion
- Economic growth strategies & ICC access to airport
- Energy tax & big box store bills

Report from the Chairperson

- Press release for recruitment of more vacancies should be out in March.
- Volunteers are requested for the Board's Nominating Committee for Election of Officers and for the Interview Panel for the next set of applicant interviews this spring. The Chair will forward an email to UCAB members.

- Upcounty Youth Advisory Meeting will meet at the Germantown Recreation Center on Kingsview Road on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from February through May 2012.
- UCAB is asked to review the Latino Youth Task Force Report and provide feedback on the recommendations made.
- The Chair presented content of information shared at the FY13 Operating Budget Forum held on January 23.
- The Chair reminded the Board of their Joint Committee meeting scheduled for February 27. They will receive a presentation on the Rapid Vehicle Transit Initiative (RVT) that the Executive's Transit Task Force is working on.

Committee and Liaison Reports

Board member Cherian Eapen updated the Board on activities of the Parks Department.

Community Concerns

A resident shared his concern about the poor road condition on Mateney Road between Clopper Road and Great Seneca Highway. He has made multiple contacts with Department of Transportation to help support getting the work done, but no work has been done in the past 6 years. In addition, there are 20 streetlights that need replacing. Resolution also did not occur. Staff Nancy Hislop will obtain name of individual and look into his concerns for resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Members present: Juan Cardenas, Cherian Eapen, Scott Graham, James Wallace, Robert Nelson, Gail Robinson, Oneil Ormsby, and Robert Thompson

Other Guests:

Staff present: Nancy Hislop